

SENATOR WARK.

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British statesmen contended finally triumphed. You left your native island for New Brunswick in early manhood before the days of Catholic emancipation and long before the passing of the reform bill of 1831. You settled in the home of your adoption when the province was still practically a crown colony and took a part in the prolonged but bloodless campaign which replaced irresponsible administration by one controlled by the wishes of the people. During the latter part of the contest you in the prime of life, fought for popular rights as a member of the elective branch of the provincial legislature, and after the battle was finally won you passed fifty-four years ago to the upper house. This it may be observed was four years before the Crimean war.

Called to the senate at a mature age you are now with a single exception, the only survivor of those appointed by her late majesty in 1867. In both houses of the provincial legislature and in our own body you always devoted your talents and energy to parliamentary work with a single eye to the good of the people and particularly with respect to education and international trade.

Speaking of you as a senator one may be allowed to say that while you have been energetic and persistent in your effort to bring about what you have deemed to be for the public good, you have never been impatient nor intolerant towards those whose opinions differed from your own, while your courtesies and your kindness of disposition have been proverbial among your colleagues. As a result the present action of the House, is unanimous and gives expression to the sincere sentiment of your colleagues of all shades of opinion who will unite in the hope that the Almighty may be pleased to prolong for years a life which has throughout been lined with a continual consciousness of his divine oversight.

Signed on behalf of the members of the senate,

L. G. POWER, Speaker.

Senator Wark's Reply.

Mr. Wark was greeted with prolonged cheering as he rose to reply. He said: "I thank you for this very flattering address. I never expected anything of the kind nor do I think I deserve it, but at the same time I feel deeply grateful to you and to those whom you represent for such an expression of kindness and friendship.

"There is no part of it with which I agree so heartily as the last sentence. I join with you most cordially in the belief that God exercises a wise providence over the affairs of this world and especially over the affairs of this empire; that He intends to make a powerful, populous and prosperous empire united under one gracious sovereign in a policy of peace and that it will be greatly blessed under His guidance in bringing about the happy time when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the seas. I thank you again for your kindness and for the kindness of the whole house. (Cheers.)

The portrait of the venerable senator, which was painted by J. Colin Forbes, R. C. A., of Montreal, and is a speaking likeness, was then exposed to the company.

Mr. Speaker Power said that as the House of Commons was about to meet he would vary the order of proceeding by calling upon the prime minister first.

The Premier's Speech.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, addressing Mr. Wark, said: It is my pleasure as well as my privilege today to join with my friend, Mr. Borden, the leader of His Majesty's opposition in the house of commons, in presenting you on this occasion the congratulations of the body to which we both belong, the house of commons of Canada. We are taught in scripture that he who honors his father and mother shall be rewarded with long life. I am sure, therefore, sir, that going back almost one hundred years ago, you must have been a very good boy—(Laughter)—for you have been rewarded not only with long life, but rewarded also with all the blessings of life in your family, and, if I may say so, in the respect, the esteem, the veneration and the affection of all your fellow countrymen. Going back through the course of your long life, you have passed through a most remarkable period in the world's history. You go back not only to the battle of Waterloo, but you were born even before the battle of Trafalgar. You have seen the long struggle which was waged in those wars for supremacy and which ended in a manner, which, although it might be disappointing to many, was perhaps the best solution of the world's

liberty. You have seen the long reign of her late majesty, and at last you have seen the first days of the reign of King Edward the VII., who, perhaps, will live in history in a manner which will be most acceptable to you, that is to say as "Edward the peace maker." We all rejoice that you have seen these long days and hope your good wishes will be realized, and we pray God that He may still prolong your life for many years to enjoy the respect and affection of your fellow countrymen. (Cheers.)

Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Borden, who was next called upon, said: "Mr. Wark, I desire on behalf of those who sit to the left of the speaker in the house of commons, to add our hearty and most sincere congratulations to you upon this memorable occasion. Let me say it is an occasion on which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and I are happy to sit on the same side of the house and join in doing honor to you. Your life has been a most eventful one. You have lived for more than a generation beyond the limit assigned by the psalmist as the age of man. During all that time you have devoted yourself without stint to the public service, and in that regard it seems to me that you have set a very worthy example to all your fellow countrymen from one end of Canada to the other. (Hear, hear.)

Indeed even at your advanced age, your efforts have almost been too strenuous sometimes for us in the House of Commons, because, if I mistake not, it was about two years ago that you objected strongly that the members should be kept waiting for legislation because you desired to leave Ottawa and go to your home and attend to your own business (laughter) a very worthy aspiration on your part and one I am sure, in which all of us in the House of Commons join most heartily at the present time. Let me once more, on behalf of those who like myself sit on the left of the speaker, extend to you our good wishes for your health and prosperity in the future." (Cheers.)

Secretary of State.

Hon. Mr. Scott spoke as follows: "My dear colleague, it has been my good fortune to be associated with you for now over thirty years in this chamber, and during that time I have had many opportunities for knowing these elements in your character that have endeared you so deeply to the members of the senate on both sides. As has been observed in the address which has just been presented to you, your course in the senate has been one we all could admire. While adhering strongly and decidedly to your own political views, you have always been forbearing and considerate to those who have differed from you. In fact one of the special elements of your character has been the tolerant spirit to which reference has been made, the breadth of view which has marked your expressions on all occasions. The singular equanimity of your disposition has been the peculiar feature in your successful career. Among many instances that might be quoted of the value of your life, I may cite one which I think is worth being remembered. It is that the first impulse given to the expansion of our present dominion was due to you when in 1847 you moved a resolution in the provincial legislature of New Brunswick, expressing the hope that the sister provinces would abolish the custom houses that then divided them. That certainly was the forerunner of the confederation of the Dominion. I join in the hope also that is expressed in the address that has been presented to you that you may be long spared to be a member of this chamber. (Hear, hear.)

"The beautiful language used by you a few moments ago in answering the address gives us the best assurance that you retain in your old age that wisdom, which is so valuable to a legislator." (Cheers.)

Mr. Mackenzie Bowell

was the last speaker. He said: "Mr. Wark, in the many years I have been associated with you on committees and in this chamber our intercourse has been of the most pleasant character. It is true that we have not always agreed upon the questions which were under discussion, but that never affected the personal relations which existed between yourself and myself. I do not know of any event in my thirty-four years of parliamentary life of which I feel prouder than when at the opening of this session I had the honor of introducing you in the chamber after you had served your country for so long a period and arrived at such a ripe age. It is not necessary that I should enter into the events of the last hundred years. Reference has been made by the prime minister and also by the leader of the opposition of the other house to very important occasions during your long life, and I heartily concur in the personal tribute awarded you by the secretary of state. I

express the sincere hope that all may live to see you sitting there, if not as speaker, at least as an honored member of this house for many years to come. (Hear, hear.)

"The secretary of state and myself had the great honor of introducing you to the speaker's chair today. I only hope that the youngest members by whom you are surrounded today may have a like honor with some other senator after he has attained the advanced age which you have reached." (Cheers.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Borden and the members of both houses then congratulated Mr. Wark personally, and the proceedings terminated.

When the Senate met yesterday afternoon Sir Mackenzie Bowell suggested that the presentation to Hon. David Wark be placed on the records, and moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Scott, that the minutes be published as an appendix to the official report.

Hon. Mr. Ellis suggested that it be placed on the journals of the day with the list of the senators present. This was agreed to.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Watson, seconded by Hon. Mr. Gibson, it was ordered that the address be engrossed, framed and presented to the aged senator.

Lionizing the Senator.

In the Ottawa correspondence of the Globe we find the following:—

Hon. Mr. Wark continues to be a lion. His room is visited by people from all parts of the country, young and old, grave and gay, men and women, and beauty and grace pay him their respects. It rather surprised me to see among his callers the other day Mr. Tomlinson, once connected with the public works department of New Brunswick, and the builder of the iron bridge at the Grand Falls. Mr. Tomlinson now lives in Iowa and was on his way to New York for the purpose of placing before practical bridge builders the design of a new bridge which will have the longest span of any bridge in the world. He remarked to me that Mr. Wark was a wonderful man, but said he with a little accent of pride, "you do not of an find men of 88 years, as I am, designing modern bridges."

In the War.

"In our house we follow William Morris' teaching," she said. "We have nothing that is of no use." "But that always makes a house look so bare." "I know it. But, then, we have four children."

Mr. Carnegie's "Record."

The Westminster Gazette says: Mr. Carnegie has scored a "record," as he received the freedom of three Irish cities in three consecutive days. Few "aliens" have been made Irish free men. Mr. Gladstone was a freeman of Dublin, and in years later Sir Stuart Knill, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, inscribed his name on the same roll, in which the signature of General Grant appears. Mr. Carnegie has as his fellow-freemen in Ireland, Lord Roberts in Waterford, and Mr. Kruger in Limerick, but, owing to certain international difficulties, Mr. Kruger has not been able to sign the Freeman's roll of Garryowen.

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